

# FACT SHEET

Update: **5/24/06**

**GILA NATIONAL FOREST – Fire Update**  
Fire Info: **505-388-8245/505- 538-1426 (cell)**  
[www.fs.fed.us/r3/gila](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/gila)



## Wildland Fire Use – All fires were lightning-caused.

**Wildland Fire Use** is the management of naturally-ignited wildland fires to accomplish specific pre-stated resource management objectives in predefined geographic areas outlined in Fire Management Plans.

**Taylor Fire:** **Black Range Ranger District**, detected on **5/15/06**, located 48 miles west of Truth or Consequences, NM. Current size is **509** acres. Burnout operations are completed around the Wall Lake subdivision and along Forest Road 150. Additional burnout operations will complete hazardous fuels reductions and enhance defensible space projects. For specific information about the Taylor Fire, call 505-894-6677.

**Pine Fire:** **Reserve Ranger District**, detected on **5/15/06**, located 30 miles southeast of Reserve, NM. The fire was **called out on 5/20/06** at **one-tenth of an acre**. For specific information about the Pine Fire, call 505-533-6231.

**Plaza Fire:** **Reserve Ranger District**, detected on **5/15/06**, located 3 miles southeast of Reserve, NM. Current size is **less than 1** acre. There has been no growth reported on the fire over the last several days. Monitoring activities are ongoing. For specific information about the Plaza Fire, call 505-533-6231.

**Saliz Fire:** **Reserve Ranger District**, detected on **5/15/06**, located 8 miles southeast of Reserve, NM. Current size is **3** acres. Very little new fire growth reported. Monitoring activities continue. For specific information about the Saliz Fire, call 505-533-6231.

## Wildland fires - All fires were lightning-caused.

**Wildland Fire:** Any non-structure fire, other than prescribed fire, that occurs in the wildland.

**Seven Fire:** **Reserve Ranger District**, detected on **5/18/06**, located 20 miles southeast of Reserve, NM. The fire was 100% contained at **200** acres on 5/19/06. All firefighting resources have been released and the fire is being monitored daily. For specific information about the Seven Fire, call: 505-533-6231.

**Turkey Fire:** **Reserve Ranger District**, detected on **5/17/06**, is reported to be about **1** acre in size. Has not been called out, but was controlled on 5/19/06 at less than 1 acre. The fire is being monitored daily. For specific information about the Turkey Fire, call: 505-533-6231.

**Mata Fire:** **Reserve Ranger District**, detected on **5/16/06**, located 5 miles northwest of Aragon, NM. Has not been called out, but was controlled on 5/17 at 7 acres. For specific information about the Mata Fire, call: 505-533-6231.

**Bull Fire:** **Reserve Ranger District**, detected on **5/18/06**, located 12 miles west of Reserve, NM. Has not been called out, but was controlled on 5/20 at less than 1 acre. For specific information about the Bull Fire, call: 505-533-6231.

**Park Fire:** **Reserve Ranger District**, detected on **5/18/06**, is reported to be about **1** acre in size. All firefighting resources have been released from the fire. The fire is being monitored daily. For specific information about the Park Fire, call: 505-533-6231.

**Aspen Fire:** **Reserve Ranger District**, detected on **5/18/06**, remains at less than **1** acre in size. For specific information about the Aspen Fire, call: 505-533-6231.

**Caballeriza Fire:** Quemado Ranger District, detected on **5/15/06**, located 23 miles southeast of Quemado, NM. Has not been called out, but was controlled on 5/21 at 25 acres. The fire is being monitored daily. For specific information about the Caballeriza Fire, call: 505-773-4678.

**Whiskey Fire:** Quemado Ranger District, detected on **5/16/06**, located 6 miles northwest of Aragon, NM. Has not been called out, but was controlled on 5/18 at 13 acres. The fire is being monitored daily. For specific information about the Whiskey Fire, call: 505-773-4678.

**Familia Fire:** Quemado Ranger District, detected on **5/19/06**, located 25 miles southeast of Quemado, NM. Has not been called out, but was controlled on 5/21 at 10 acres. The fire is being monitored daily. For specific information about the Familia Fire, call: 505-773-4678.

**Cross Fire:** Quemado Ranger District, detected on **5/19/06**, located 25 miles southeast of Quemado, NM. Has not been called out, but was contained on 5/20. The fire is being monitored daily. For specific information about the Cross Fire, call: 505-773-4678.

**New Starts: May 24, 2005 – These fires were person-caused.**

**Scott Fire:** Silver City Ranger District, detected on **5/24/06**, located 12 miles north of Silver City, NM, along Highway 15. The fire is believed to have been **person-caused** and it is currently under investigation. Initial attack resources were dispatched to the fire. It is estimated to be less than 1 acre. For specific information about the Scott Fire, call: 505-388-8245.

**Circle Fire:** Wilderness Ranger District, detected on **5/24/06**, located 5 miles northwest of Mimbres, NM. The fire is believed to have been **person-caused** and it is currently under investigation. Initial attack resources were dispatched to the fire. It was last estimated to be less than 1 acre. For specific information about the Circle Fire, call: 505-536-2250.

*No structures have been threatened by any of the fires. Assigned resources have been successful in carrying out all operations and firefighting tactics on all incidents in a safe and effective manner.*

### **Restrictions**

The Gila National Forest is currently in Stage I Fire and Smoking restrictions. Open campfires are limited to designated campgrounds only and smoking is prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is cleared of flammable material. The list of campgrounds where campfires are still allowed is listed within the official order 06-248, which is posted on the website at: <http://www2.srs.fs.fed.us/r3/gila/fire/forestclosure.asp>.

For more information about the current fire activity on the Gila National Forest, contact the Information Office at 388-8245 or visit the website at [www.fs.fed.us/r3/gila](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/gila).

Information about all current federal and state land restrictions and closures in New Mexico and Arizona can be found by visiting the website: [http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/information/firerestrictions/restrictions\\_closures.htm](http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/information/firerestrictions/restrictions_closures.htm)

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